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Renewal of commitment and future action for children in the next decade

Draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

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Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered the pending paragraphs of the outcome document, A world fit for children, contained in document A/S-27/2/Add.1 (Part II), at its resumed 2nd meeting, on 10 May 2002.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 15 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"The family is the basic unit of society and as such should be strengthened. It is entitled to receive comprehensive protection and support. The primary responsibility for the protection, upbringing and development of children rests with the family. All institutions of society should respect children's rights and secure their well-being and render appropriate assistance to parents, families, legal guardians and other caregivers so that children can grow and develop in a safe and stable environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding, bearing in mind that in different cultural, social and political systems, various forms of the family exist."

(b) Paragraph 35 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"To achieve these goals and targets, taking into account the best interests of the child, consistent with national laws, religious and ethical values and cultural

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backgrounds of its people, and in conformity with all human rights and fundamental freedoms, we will carry out the following strategies and actions:"

(c) Paragraph 35 (i) was replaced by the following paragraph:

"(i) Ensure that the reduction of maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality is a health sector priority and that women, in particular adolescent expectant mothers, have ready and affordable access to essential obstetric care, well-equipped and adequately staffed maternal health-care services, skilled attendance at delivery, emergency obstetric care, effective referral and transport to higher levels of care when necessary, post-partum care and family planning in order to, inter alia, promote safe motherhood."

(d) Paragraph 35 (xviii) was reordered to follow paragraph 35 (i) and was replaced by the following paragraph:

"(xviii) Provide access to appropriate, user-friendly and high-quality health-care services, education and information to all children."

(e) Paragraph 35 (i) bis was replaced by the following paragraph:

"(i) bis Address effectively, for all individuals of appropriate age, the promotion of their healthy lives, including their reproductive and sexual health, consistent with the commitments and outcomes of recent United Nations conferences and summits, including the World Summit for Children, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, their five-year reviews and their reports."

(f) Paragraphs 35 (ii) bis, 35 (iii), 35 (xix), 35 (xxi), 35 (xxiii) and 38 (x) were deleted

(g) Paragraph 38 (xi) was replaced by the following paragraph:

"(xi) Design, where appropriate, and implement programmes that enable pregnant adolescents and adolescent mothers to continue and to complete their education."

(h) Paragraph 38 (xii) was deleted

(i) Paragraph 40 (b) was replaced by the following paragraph:

"(b) Protect children from the impact of armed conflict and ensure compliance with international humanitarian law and human rights law."

(j) Paragraph 41 (viii) was replaced by the following paragraph:

"(viii) Protect children from torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Call upon the Governments of all States, in particular States in which the death penalty has not been abolished, to comply with the obligations they have assumed under relevant provisions of international human rights instruments, including, in particular, articles 37 and 40 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and articles 6 and 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights."

(k) Paragraphs 41 (xxvi) ter and 41 (xxvii) were deleted

(l) Above paragraph 41 (xxxi), the title "Elimination of child labour", was replaced by the title "Combating child labour"

(m) Paragraph 41 (xxxiii) bis was replaced by the following paragraph:

"(xxxiii) bis In this context, protect children from all forms of economic exploitation by mobilizing national partnerships and international cooperation and improve the conditions of children through, inter alia, providing working children with free basic education, and with vocational training and integration into the education system in every way possible, and encourage support for social and economic policies aimed at poverty eradication and at providing families, particularly women, with employment and income generating opportunities."

(n) Paragraphs 41 (xxxiv), 41 (xxxvi) and 41 (xxxvii) were deleted

(o) Paragraph 41 (xxxviii) was replaced by the following paragraph:

"(xxxviii) Strengthen the collection and analysis of data on child labour."

(p) Paragraph 41 (xxxix) was deleted

(q) Above paragraph 41 (xli), the title "Elimination of sexual exploitation of children" was replaced by the title "Elimination of trafficking and sexual exploitation of children"

(r) Above paragraph 56, the title "Follow-up actions and monitoring" was replaced by the title "Follow-up actions and assessment"

(s) Paragraph 56 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"To facilitate the implementation of actions committed to in this document, we will develop or strengthen as a matter of urgency, if possible by the end of 2003, national and, where appropriate, regional action plans with a set of specific time-bound and measurable goals and targets based on this Plan of Action, taking into account the best interests of the child, consistent with national laws, religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its people, and in conformity with all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

"We will therefore strengthen our national planning and ensure necessary coordination, implementation and resources. We will integrate the goals of this Plan of Action into our national government policies as well as national and subnational development programmes, poverty eradication strategies, multisectoral approaches and other relevant development plans, in cooperation with relevant civil society actors, including non-governmental organizations working for and with children, as well as children, in accordance with their age and maturity, and their families."